



Large Committee

Minutes

August 8, 2007

1pm

Family Support Center, Children's Bureau

Members Present: Robert Ross (IJTJF), Daniel Abbott (IU CEEP), Nakaisha Tolbert-Banks (InteCare), Kristen Clements-Effner (CBI), Clara Anderson (CBI), Devina Jani (ICJI), Richard Curry (Marion County Probation), Shirlean Seawood (NOAH), Angela Martin (Martin University), Lisa McGuire (IUPUI), and Mark Bryson (MCCOY).

On the Phone: Ann Houseworth (DCS), Ericka Stallworth (LaPorte Probation), and Mwangi Murage (IMHC).

Review of Minutes: June Minutes Approved

Brief overview of host agency :

Family Support Center, Children's Bureau, Inc.

- CCDF Program
- Children's Shelter (Newborn to 17)
 - Open 24 hours a day
 - 7 days a week
- Collaborates with Julian Center, Midtown Mental Health
- Works with homeless families, houses runaways
- Respite Care Program
- Supervised Visitation
- Does not provide prescribed medicines but has everything else on site
- Daycare Program to assist foster care parents – provides them with 2wks of care while more permanent daycare can be found.

Sub-Committee Updates

Community Awareness – Tawanna Clarke, Sub-Committee Chair – Not Present

Devina completed report

- Second Newsletter to rollout in September. Minor changes need to be made. Fix some bolded and unbolded text. Next time remember to include maximum word count. Diversity in interviews
- Looking to create plan of action to reach and approach media outlets

- Please link your agency's homepage to IDC homepage – weblink

<http://www.in.gov/cji/youth/idc.html>

Research – Monique Busch, Sub-Committee Chair – Not Present

Clara completed report

- Continue to look at variables across systems to identify level of consistency of inconsistency
- Annotated Bibliography is currently being updated.

Fund Development- DaMica O'Bryant, Sub-Committee Chair – Not Present

Clara completed report

- Letters have been sent out to various persons in order to increase awareness and to seek additional support and participation from law enforcement, mental health facilities, schools, and other public and private organizations. .

Training – Calvin Roberson, Sub-Committee Chair

- Cultural Competency Training: Ongoing Assessment;
- Resubmitted grant to ICJI for \$61,000 – Board Meeting to be held this Friday, June 15, 2007. Application was originally deferred; recommend that collaborative efforts with CEEP are made.
- Currently working on cultural competency standards
- Next will be identifying curriculum

Public Policy –Clara Anderson, Interim Sub-Committee Chair

- Mark Bryson, representing MCCOY has volunteered to be the Sub-Committee Chair for Public Policy.
- IDC's Role with Commission

Remember: Commission is a legislative body

Strategy:

*Someone from IDC attends meetings as they are open to the public.

*Participate on sub-committees and speak out

*Provide recommendations and ideas – don't make the Commission have to reinvent the wheel.

Money was allocated for staffing but uncertain if it is sufficient for what needs to be completed within the one year time frame.

Commissions work like legislature ... Do or Die.

- Update on Appointments
 - Jon Vanator has been in touch with DCS members – stated appointments intend to be completed by the end of August. Due to 33 appointments needed, selection process is very lengthy.

- Clara has received phone calls from the Speaker of the House in regards to list submitted on behalf of IDC for possible appointments.

JDAI Update:

May 1st a Risk Assessment Tool was introduced by JDAI to be used in the Marion County Juvenile Probation/Courts Divisions. Data provided by Chair Bill Barton illustrated a decrease in detainees from last year to this year when exact time periods were compared. Simply stated there should only be two reasons children be detained ... 1. Risk to Public 2. Fleet Worthy. The progress of JDAI Assessment Tool has been very promising.

Fort Wayne has implemented something very similar to this and could be a very resourceful tool for JDAI. Contact person would be Kevin Mann or Joe. – Bud of IJJTF will provide further contact information.

Additional Training:

September 27th we are scheduling to invite Russ Skiba to present analysis findings from the QUEST database completed last year for seven counties as well as Laurie Elliott of the Youth Law Team to provide a brief overview of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. Final location, date and time will be provided at a later date. This is currently a tentative idea.

Other News:

October 13th NOAH will be sponsoring a walk-a-thon at Washington Park. If Martin University and InteCare participate in Health Fair also taking place ... IDC could share information at the event at their tables.

Next meeting time and location

Large Committee Meeting: October 10, 2007 at Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force at 1pm – Room TBA

Training Sub-Committee: August 16th at 230pm at Indiana Minority Health Coalition

Research Sub-Committee: September 6th at 1:30pm at Children's Bureau

Fund/Development Sub-Committee: TBA

Community Awareness/Public Policy Sub-Committee: September 25th at 10am at Martin University.

Adjourn Full Committee